



WHEREAS, millions of Americans engage in cycling because it is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of physical fitness; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote alternative forms of transportation such as walking and bicycling in order to reduce pollution, reduce America's dependence on fossil fuels and improve the health and well-being of the global community; and,

WHEREAS, increasing the number of bicycling lanes, paths, storage facilities and traffic calming measures will help ease automobile traffic congestion and encourage a healthy lifestyle for residents; and,

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Week in Springfield, Illinois helps to increase public awareness for bicycling, educates the community about the benefits of bicycling for transportation purposes and encourages people to try bicycle commuting; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois statute includes a Complete Streets law as well as a vulnerable users protections that ensure cyclists are safely accommodated within the transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is developing an Illinois Bike Transportation Plan that will enhance sustainable, non-motorized transportation alternatives in our state; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as **BICYCLE MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of safety sharing our streets with cyclists and celebrate non-motorized transportation in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIFTH *day of* APRIL *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THIRTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR